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Warrant Issued for Pickens County Man Accused of Insurance Fraud

Atlanta- Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens' office issued an outstanding warrant this week for a Pickens county resident on charges of insurance fraud.

Hudgens' Fraud division requested a warrant for Karim Gani, 60, on June 18. Gani was charged with one count of Insurance Fraud.

According to an investigation led by Hudgens' office, Gani misrepresented the date of loss and material facts in the filing of an insurance claim. The Pickens county resident, acting as a representative of ASKG Enterprises, LLC ("ASKG"), filed a claim for water damage on January 8, 2014. The company's policy, which ASKG subsequently took out on January 9, did not cover the damages from the prior day. Investigators concluded that Gani filed a claim on January 17 in an attempt to collect approximately \$25,000 for the damages that occurred on January 8.

"My office aggressively pursues cases of fraud," Hudgens said concerning the case. "If you're caught committing insurance fraud in Georgia, there will be significant consequences."

Insurance fraud is a felony that carries a penalty of two to ten years in prison, a fine up to \$10,000, or, potentially, both.